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## TESTING APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

The Tazewell County Health Department offers testing and treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis infections. We also offer HIV testing and referral services.

Beginning September 1, 2019, STD testing and treatment services provided at TCHD can be billed to commercial or Medicaid insurance plan. No out-of-pocket payment is required at the time of service.

Cases of sexually transmitted infections are increasing. Since 2014, the number of cases of gonorrhea in Illinois has increased by 59%. In 2018, over 77,000 cases of chlamydia were diagnosed in Illinois residents. New syphilis cases are also up over 63% since 2014. Sexually transmitted infections affect overall health, including reproductive ability.

Call the Tazewell County Health Department at 309-929-0251 to schedule an appointment for confidential testing.

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